

Church News

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Trains leave Dalton in the afternoon (South) 3:10, 4:10, 5:15, 7:48. Schedules are so all can stay until Friday afternoon.

Joseph R. Sevier, Chairman.

Albany: Rev. E. M. Craig, the pastor, took charge of this church in July and it is showing marked improvement in every department. There have been twenty-three additions to the church. Plans have been adopted and in a few weeks it is hoped that the architect, Harry W. Jones, of Minneapolis, Minn., will have them ready for the contractors who may desire to bid on the work. The church will be one of the most complete and attractive in South Georgia. The Baraca class, under the leadership of H. T. McIntosh, has the largest attendance of any men's class in the city.

Athens, Central Church: Rev. S. J. Cartledge, pastor. On Sunday, October 8th, without any special services, twelve members were received, all but two of them adults. This church has just completed six eventful and happy years under the leadership of its first and only pastor. Though it has had many difficulties and discouragements, it has had a steady and substantial growth, and the membership is now more than five times as large as when organized. It has erected, and for the most part paid for, a splendid plan costing \$35,000 in an ideal location. It has brought in and developed much new material. Every department of its work is well organized. A fine fraternal spirit prevails. The future is bright.

MISSISSIPPI.

French Camp: Rev. John Goff came to this place last Monday and preached through Friday before the pupils of our two schools. Nine splendid young people united with the Presbyterian church as a result of the services. Both French Camp Academy and Central Mississippi Institute, under the superintendence of Rev. F. L. McCue and his assistants, are well patronized and doing splendid work. These two schools have been turned over to the ladies of the Synod of Mississippi, and they are by far the best missionary propositions in the State.

The Synod of Mississippi will meet in Canton, Miss., Tuesday, November 21, 1916, at 7:30 P. M.

S. C. Caldwell, S. C.

Monticello: This town is the capital of Lawrence county and is situated on the west bank of Pearl river. For a brief time it was once the capital of the State. Rev. T. M. Lemly has recently been called from Paris, Texas, to become pastor of this church, in connection with the growing work in Columbia, a score of miles south and on the east bank of the same stream. The Presbytery at Pine Ridge appointed a commission to install Mr. Lemly at Monticello on the fourth Sabbath of October. Delightful services were enjoyed by the people and the commission. Rev. S. C. Caldwell preached, presided and propounded questions. The sermon was based on Peter's question, "I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?" in connection with Cornelius' reply, Acts 10:29, 33. Rev. W. H. Hill, of Brookhaven, delivered an able and forceful charge to the pastor; Mr. Caldwell the charge to the people. It was an enthusiastic meeting. Other denominations took a deep interest in the establishment of this relation and united in giving a cordial welcome to Mr. Lemly. The new pastor has

won the hearts of his own flock and made a most favorable impression on the community. He has taken hold of his work in earnest. The prospects of the church were never so bright as they are now. Several incidents may be noted with pleasure: In October, 1888, the writer dedicated the first building of the Monticello church. There was no railroad within twenty miles; they now have two roads. There were no gravel roads. Fair river was then crossed by fords; Pearl river on ferry-boats. Mr. Maxwell then brought the preacher from the nearest railroad station, twenty-three miles, in a buggy drawn by two ponies. This same Mr. Maxwell occupied a front seat at the installation of Mr. Lemly. He attended practically every service held by the same preacher through a period of nine months' supplying, and he is not a Presbyterian. The same preacher was stated supply in 1913, when the original house was remodeled, and rededicated it in 1914. Another incident: On this fourth Sunday of October the accomplished organist, daughter of a Brookhaven elder, was received by letter from that church, and she is a worker. Still further: This is the second time Rev. W. H. Hill has delivered a charge to Rev. T. M. Lemly on his installation as pastor.

In the afternoon of this faultless October day two cars conveyed the commission, one elder and a deacon and a Baptist co-worker and several elect ladies over a steel bridge to the east side of Pearl river. In thirty minutes we were at Silver Creek, where we found the Baptist pastor, Lee, awaiting us in his handsome church, with his well organized choir. Brother Hill preached on "Let Your Light Shine," an able and earnest sermon, greatly appreciated by an attentive congregation.

At night Brother Hill preached in Monticello to a union congregation, from the text, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses," Acts 1:8. This bright and beautiful October day was a memorable one in Monticello. The blessed influences shall be far-reaching. Congratulations were extended on the near relation. Benedictions were pronounced, and, according to the Book, both parties were "by prayer recommended to the grace of God and His holy keeping."

S. C. C.

Ellisville: Rally Day was observed in our Sabbath-school October 1st. The appropriate program of our Publication Committee was used, and a fine address given by Superintendent W. S. Pettis. A generous offering of \$20 was made for the mission Sunday-school work. This church also made a liberal contribution for Ministerial Endowment on the fourth Sabbath of September.

Wesson: Sunday-School Rally Day was a very happy occasion here. An enjoyable program of song and other features was rendered, a good number were present, and a fine offering taken. But that was not the best part of Rally Day. Our consecrated superintendent had requested some weeks before that this day be observed as decision day. A prayer list was made out and distributed among the teachers. As the harvest of this faithful planning and prayer, eight new members were received into the church on that day.

On October 15th this congregation was favored with a visit from Rev. C. A. Hyland. His two sermons were much enjoyed, and the people wish to see him again.

An illustrated lecture on Japan was given in the church on the evening of October 19th. The pastor explained the beautiful and instructive views.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Rock River Church: On the fourth Sabbath of October, Rev. Leonard Gill, superintendent of Home Missions, and Elders J. M. Belk and R. A. Morrow, organized a new church at Morgan Academy by the above name. The church is situated one and a half miles from the stream by the same name and in the northern part of Union county, sixteen miles from Monroe. The following officers were elected: Elders—Messrs. T. C. Braswell, P. J. C. Efrd, Y. D. W. Morgan and O. C. Hill. Deacons—Messrs. J. C. Smith, Silas Efrd and Lee Hill. It was decided to build a brick church, which, when built, will be the first brick edifice among our churches outside of Monroe. Work will begin on the building in the spring. Mr. Young Morgan has donated the lot for building site near the Academy. Rev. R. J. McIlwain assisted in the organization. He and Rev. Leonard Gill held a tent meeting here last August, which resulted in many conversions.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia Theological Seminary: Dr. Seegers, professor at the Lutheran Seminary of this city, made a talk to the Society of Missionary Inquiry last week. He is a forceful, pleasing speaker; and in his talk gave much good material for thought. He said that there were no missionary societies in the apostolic age, because the Church was a society of missionaries. There were no mission study classes, for the Christians were pursuing their work as missionaries. Today the missionary societies and mission study classes should be composed of missionaries, as then. On the subject of mission study, he said that it should be systematic, sensible (graded), and scriptural. Mission thought should be swung from the sentimental to the fundamental. Missions have their origin in God, and should be preached doctrinally.

At the Volunteer meeting on Friday evening Mr. C. M. Gibbs spoke on the subject of Phillip as a missionary. Next Friday Dr. Reavis will be with the band at their evening meeting.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Shandon: The corner-stone of this church was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a good-sized audience Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. S. Harden, who is acting as stated supply, presided and led the singing. Rev. R. B. Grinnan, D. D., pastor of Woodrow Memorial church, Waverley, who had a large part in the establishing of the church, read a historical sketch of the church, which was begun under the auspices of the local Home Mission Committee of Columbia. The first session was held in the Baptist church in September, 1913. A committee, consisting of T. M. Glenn, Prof. H. C. Davis and D. W. McChesney, was appointed to organize a Sunday-school. On October 12th of the same year the first regular service was held in the Shandon Methodist church, with the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Grinnan. A Sunday-school of forty-six was organized. The church service and Sunday-school were held in this church every Sunday afternoon until the edifice was burned. The old Knights of Pythias hall has been used since then. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized. Dr. W. B. Burney gave a lot at the corner of Maple and Wheat streets. An adjoining lot was bought, and later a third lot was given by Dr. Burney. Last spring Congaree Presbytery, through a commission, organized a church and plans were soon adopted for the new church building, which is to cost \$4,500.

Dr. William S. Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, delivered an address, showing the spiritual and actual significance of the corner-stone.

Sarah Davis, aged five years, laid the list of Sunday-school pupils in the stone. The historical sketch by Dr. Grinnan, with his name, was also put in. T. M. Glenn, one of the elders, placed a copy of the Bible in the stone. Records of the Ladies' Aid Society was also placed in the corner-stone by the president, Mrs. Davant, and M. M. Freeman deposited a copy of the minutes of Congaree Presbytery.

Enoree: At an adjourned meeting of Enoree Presbytery during the session of Synod at Greenwood, the time of the spring meeting was changed to Friday before the second Sabbath in April, 1917, at 8 P. M. The Presbytery will meet at Woodruff, S. C. Reports on the Narrative to Synod, the local Home Mission Work and of the treasurer of local Home Missions were adopted.

Rev. W. H. Miles declined the calls extended him from Antioch, Reidsville and Nazareth churches and the clerk was instructed to return the calls to these churches.

Arrangements were made for a pastors' and deacons' conference on stewardship at Spartanburg in February, 1917, and Rev. W. A. Hafner, Rev. Asa D. Watkins and Rev. J. F. Matheson were appointed a committee to arrange a program. It is earnestly hoped that all the pastors and deacons in the Presbytery will attend. Stated Clerk.

Westminster: Interesting Rally Day services were held on October first by the Westminster Sunday-school. A program was carried out, in which every department of the school took part. The Cradle Roll promotion exercises were especially interesting. Mrs. Anna J. Anderson is our superintendent of this important department. An offering of more than \$20 was made for the work of Sunday-School Extension. Mr. D. J. Miller is our very efficient superintendent. Mr. J. S. Robinson, our Sunday-school missionary for Piedmont Presbytery, gave a helpful talk on "The Standard Sunday-School."

Liberty: At a recent meeting of Piedmont Presbytery, Rev. John C. Bailey, of Liberty, S. C., was elected to the office of evangelist and superintendent of Home Missions for the Presbytery. This is a forward step for our Church and we have great hopes for it. Rev. J. E. Wallace, of Westminster, S. C., is chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of Presbytery and has in charge a campaign to raise funds for this work.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Ronceverte: Rev. R. L. Kinnauld has accepted the work in this church and began his services as pastor October 8th. The good people of the church and community have received him and his family most cordially and his pastorate opens most auspiciously. The ladies' society have thoroughly renovated and improved the manse property, making it a practically new building, and further prepared for the coming of the pastor's family by filling the pantry with a full and complete line of groceries. The attendance at the services has been large and is increasing each Sabbath day, and the outlook is encouraging.

Rev. Ben Harrop, who left here last spring, was for nearly twenty-five years the loved and efficient pastor of this people, and their affection for him and his family abides. It is good to follow one who has done faithful and honest work such as his. We hope to reap where he has so abundantly sown.